Thus, at present, a single officer is in charge of the following three appointments :—

(1) Commissioner for Food Production.
(2) Director of Agriculture.
(3) Controller of Civil Supplies.

This combined charge is too heavy for one officer and does not conduce to efficient administration. It is also considered that there is no homogeneity in the charges combined as above.

Sanction is therefore accorded for the transfer of the work relating to the Civil Supplies Department from the Director of Agriculture to the charge of the Director of Food Supplies.

Orders notifying the appointment of Director of Food Supplies as Controller of Civil Supplies are issued separately.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Orders the fixation of Maximum Age limit in the case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as Thirty Years.

READ—

G.O. No. 6-105—C.R.B. 1-34-1, dated 3rd July 1934, fixing among other things, the maximum age limit for purposes of entry into service as 28 years in the case of candidates belonging to Backward Communities among whom are also included candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

2. Notification No. E. 6352—R. & P.S. 3-52-4, dated 7th August 1952, publishing the Resolution of the Government of India, received with their letter No. 42/19/51-N.G.S., dated 25th June 1952, in the matter of relaxing the maximum age limit to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for entry into non-Gazetted service.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 7003—52-3—P.S.C. 42-52-1, dated 22nd November 1952, from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bangalore, stating that since the Government of India have raised the maximum age limit for appointment to service to 30 years in the case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Public Service Commission are of opinion that the maximum age limit in the case of these communities for purposes of recruitment to State Services may be fixed as thirty years.

ORDER No. E. 13654-80—R. & P.S. 3-52-37, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND JANUARY 1953.

The proposal of the Public Service Commission is sanctioned.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs that the Character Books of Government Officials should be treated as part of the personal file of the Government Official and should not be returned to him in any case.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. O.M. Fl. (B) 13249-349—C.R. 53-52-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1953.

Subject:—Return of Character Books of officials to them after they retire from service.

A doubt has been expressed as to whether the character books of officials ma be returned to them on their retirement either voluntarily or at their request.

For the information of all concerned, it is hereby laid down that the character book which should be treated as a document forming part of a Government Servant's personal file should not be returned to him on his retirement either voluntarily or at his request.

M. SHAMANNA,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

Constitutes a Sales-tax Committee to examine the working of the Sales-tax Act in Mysore and to suggest measures on the lines of the terms of reference to it.

ORDER NO. FL. 8383-8391—S.T. 153-52-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH FEBRUARY 1953.

Several trade associations, merchants and others have represented to Government about the hardship caused by the working of the Sales-tax Act in the State. The following Committee is therefore constituted to investigate the possibilities of removing the defects, if any, and to suggest remedial measures in accordance with the terms of reference indicated below :—

Personnel of the Committee.

Chairman.

The Minister for Revenue and Public Works.

Members.

1. The President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.
2. Shri B. V. Narayana Reddy, B.A., (Hons.), Manager, Bank of Mysore, Ltd., Bangalore.
3. Shri A. Bheemappa Naik, B.A., M.L.A., Advocate, Chitaldrug.
4. Shri B. P. Nagaraja Murthy, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., Advocate, Mandya.
5. Shri P. Sitharamiah, B.A., B.L., M.L.C., Advocate and Municipal Councillor, Krishnaraja Mohalla, Mysore.
6. Shri V. M. Mascarenhas, B.A., M.L.A., P.B. No. 46, Mysore Road, Bangalore-2.
7. The Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Bangalore.
8. The Commissioner of Sales-tax in Mysore, Bangalore.

Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary to Government in the Finance Department would be the Secretary to the Committee.

Terms of reference to the Committee.

(1) The Committee is requested to examine the working of the Sales-tax Act, and suggest remedies for defects, drawbacks and hardships, if any.

(2) The Committee is further requested to suggest alternative sources of income (except the abolition of prohibition which is a matter of high policy) which may facilitate the repealing of the present Sales-tax Act.

M. SHAMANNA,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

REVENUE AND HOME SECRETARIAT

Re : **Levy of in-patient fees, out-patient fees, fees for Pathological examinations, fees for anti-rabic treatment, X-ray charges, fees for operations, fees for ophthalmic operations, etc., in the several hospitals in the State.**

READ—

(1) Government Order No. M. 17693-4—Med. 68-52-3, dated 24th November 1952, revising in-patient fees, out-patient fees, fees for pathological examinations, fees for anti-rabic treatment, X-ray charges, fees for operations, fees for ophthalmic operations, etc., in the several hospitals in the State.